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THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1968

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of health concerning the health and sanitary conditions of the Urban District for 1968.

In many aspects the present report is a good one but it is so within an underlying atmosphere of apprehension. The population of the district fell from 30,940 in 1966 to 30,810 in 1967 and this fall has continued. The Registrar Generals' estimated population for 1968 was 30,250 – a fall of 560. The number of births fell by 70 and the number of deaths rose by 27 causing a population change of 97. This means that 463 persons left the district or approximately 100 families. Undoubtedly this is directly due to the closures of the pits in this district. The emigrants are the youth of the district – young people with young families.

It would seem that more must be done to attract a new population to counteract these losses, otherwise Bedlingtonshire will become a dying community and an ageing one.

As I said the births fell from 507 to 437 giving a birth rate of 14.4 per 1,000 population (16.4 in 1967) and an increase of deaths from 307 to 334 giving a death rate of 11.0 per 1,000 population (9.9 in 1967).

On the credit side it can be reported that the number of infant deaths was 3 giving the lowest Infant Mortality Rate ever recorded, 6.8 per 1,000 live births.

The number of infectious disease notifications was 97 – the lowest figure since records have been kept. Of these 69 were due to measles. There were only 3 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified and the number of pulmonary tuberculosis cases on the register on the 31st December 1968 was 67. These are record figures as well. There were no notifications of smallpox, diphtheria or food poisoning.

The Council continues to support the W.R.V.S Meals on Wheels service and the chiropody service organised by the Old Peoples' Welfare Committee.

I wish to thank the chairman of the Health Committee for his support and the members for their interest during the year and my colleagues in other departments for their co-operation.

The Health department staff here carried out their duties willingly, loyally and unobtrusively and I thank them most sincerely.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

A. DONALDSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres 9,025

Registrar General's Estimate of the Resident Population
Mid 1968 30,250

Rateable Value (at 31st March, 1969) £1,271,097

Product of Penny Rate (estimated) £5,250

Number of Inhabited Houses 9,986

Number of Council Houses 4,263

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS (1968) WITH THOSE OF 1967

Comparability Factor : Births 0.98, Deaths 1.28.

	1967	1968
Population	30,810	30,250
Live Births	507	437
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (un-corrected)	16.4	14.4
Live Birth Rates per 1,000 population (standardised)	16.0	14.1
Illegitimate Live Birth % of total Live Births ...	7.3	6.6
Still Births	5	11
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and Still Births ...	9.7	24.5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	0.16	0.36
Total Live and Still Births	512	448
Early Neo-Natal Deaths (under 1 week)	4	1
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live Births)	7.8	2.2
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	23.4	26.8
Neo-Natal Deaths (under 4 weeks)	6	1
Neo-Natal Death Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Live Births)	11.8	2.2
Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	8	3
Infant Mortality Rate (Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births)	15.7	6.8
Maternal Deaths (Including Abortion)	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate (Maternal Deaths per 1,000 Live and Still Births)	0	0
Deaths	307	334
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 population	9.9	11
Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	12.5	14
Deaths over 65 years	198	224
Child Deaths 1—4 years inclusive	1	0
Tuberculosis Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	0.03	0.03
Pulmonary Tuberculosis Case Rate per 1,000 population	2.5	2

CAUSES OF DEATH 1968

Code No.	International Classification							M.	F. Total	
009.2	Gastro-Enteritis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
011	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
038	Septicaemia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
141	Malignant Neoplasm of Tongue	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
151	" " " Stomach	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	4	10
153	" " " Large Intestine	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
154.1	" " " Rectum	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	8
155	" " " Liver	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
157	" " " Pancreas	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
159	" " " Digestive Tract (Unsp.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
161	" " " Larynx	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
162	" " " Bronchus and Lung	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	4	18
170.7	" " " Bone (Lower Limb)	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
171	" " " Ileum	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
173.6	" " " Anus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
174	" " " Breast	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	6	6
183	" " " Ovary	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	4	4
185	" " " Prostate	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	—	4
188	" " " Bladder	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
189	" " " Kidney	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	—	3
197.7	" " " Liver (Secondary)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
199	" " " Site Unspecified	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
201	Hodgkin's Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
203	Myelomatosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
204.1	Lymphatic Leukaemia (Chronic)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
205	Myeloid Leukaemia (Acute)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
231	Malignant Neoplasm of Nasal Cavity	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
250	Diabetes Mellitus	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
291.1	Korsakov's Psychosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	—	1
410	Acute Myocardial Infarction	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	32	77
412	Chronic Ischaemic Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	7
420	Acute Pericarditis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
422	Acute Myocarditis	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
425	Cardio Myopathy	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	3	3
426	Pulmonary Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	6
427	Congestive Heart Failure	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	8
427.1	Left Ventricular Failure	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
428	Myocardial Degeneration	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	14	24
430	Sub Arachnoid Haemorrhage	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
431	Cerebral Haemorrhage	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	9	21
433	Cerebral Thrombosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	13
434	Cerebral Embolism	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
436	Ill-Defined Cardiovascular Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	8
440	Arteriosclerosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
441.2	Abdominal Aneurysm	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
450	Pulmonary Embolism	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
466	Acute Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3
481	Lobar Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	—	2	2
485	Broncho Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	8	18
491	Chronic Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	2	15

Code No.	International Classification	M.	F.	Total
493	Asthma	—	1	1
514	Hypostatic Pneumonia	—	1	1
515	Pneumoconiosis	1	—	1
530·9	Oesophageal Perforation (Peptic Ulcer)	1	—	1
560·9	Intestinal Obstruction (Unspecified)	1	—	1
571·9	Hepatic Cirrhosis (Cellular Failure)	1	—	1
577	Acute Pancreatitis... ..	1	—	1
581	Nephrotic Syndrome	—	1	1
600	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	—	1
776	Meconium Inhalation	1	—	1
794	Senility	—	1	1
E 812	Motor Vehicle Accident	2	—	2
E 814	Motor Vehicle Accident with Pedestrian	2	—	2
E 832	Accidental Drowning (Water Transport)	1	—	1
E 885	Fall on Same level	1	—	1
E 887	Fall Unspecified	—	1	1
E 910	Accidental Drowning (Swimming)	1	—	1
E 946	Late Effect of Spinal Injury (Accident)	1	—	1
E 980	Poisoning by Barbiturates	—	1	1
		189	145	334

INFANT MORTALITY RATE, 1959 – 1968

	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 years	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
No. of Infant deaths under 1 year	9	10	13	18	18	11	7	14	8	3
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 Live Births... ..	18.6	21.5	26.2	32.9	32.8	18.9	13.0	29.6	15.7	6.8

There were 3 deaths of infants under one year of age and of these 1 was under one month and none was under one week.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR, 1968

No.	Age	Sex	Place of Death	Cause of Death
1	10 months	F.	Home	Infantile Gastro Enteritis
2	10 hours	M.	Hospital	Respiratory failure, Inhalation of Birth Canal Contents
3	2 months	M.	Hospital	Acute Bronchiolitis

CHILD DEATHS

Deaths each month during 1968

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
39	23	33	41	23	21	25	20	26	26	24	33	334

**Table showing Still Births, Deaths under 1 week,
Neonatal and Infant Deaths, 1959 – 1968**

Year	No. of Still Births	No. of Deaths under 1 week	Perinatal Deaths (Still Births and Deaths under 1 week)	Deaths under 1 month	Deaths under 1 year
1968	11	1	12	—	3
1967	5	4	9	6	8
1966	12	7	19	7	14
1965	11	4	15	4	7
1964	10	5	15	6	11
1963	14	8	22	10	18
1962	9	14	23	15	18
1961	7	6	13	10	13
1960	6	7	13	8	10
1959	12	5	17	6	9

BIRTHS, 1968

	Live Births		Still Births		Deaths of Infants Under 1 year		Deaths of Infants Under 4 weeks		Deaths of Infants Under 1 week	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Total	208	229	8	3	2	1	1	—	1	—
Legitimate	192	216	7	3	2	1	1	—	1	—
Illegitimate	16	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

**STATISTICS FOR BEDLINGTONSHIRE U.D.C. FOR THE
TEN YEARS, 1959 - 1968.**

Year	Population	Deaths	Death Rate	Live Births	Birth Rate	Infant Deaths	Infant Death Rate	Neo-natal Death Rate
1959	29,480	292	9.9	482	16.3	9	18.6	12.4
1960	29,710	322	10.8	464	15.6	10	21.5	17.2
1961	29,570	321	10.8	496	16.7	13	26.2	20.1
1962	30,110	324	10.7	546	18.1	18	32.9	27.4
1963	30,640	339	11.0	548	17.9	18	32.8	18.2
1964	30,670	329	10.7	586	19.1	11	18.9	10.2
1965	30,930	330	10.6	535	17.3	7	13.0	7.4
1966	30,940	329	10.6	472	15.2	14	29.6	14.8
1967	30,810	307	9.9	507	16.4	8	15.7	11.8
1968	30,250	334	11.0	437	14.4	3	6.8	2.2

DEATHS FROM CANCER SHOWING SITE OF DISEASE 1961-68

SITE	1968		1967		1966		1965		1964		1963		1962		1961	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
All Sites	47	38	46	30	43	30	47	25	36	24	27	28	36	27	34	32
Lung and Bronchus	14	4	20	3	18	1	14	1	18	1	13	1	12	2	12	3
Stomach	6	4	8	9	9	6	9	9	5	8	5	8	4	7	8	5
Remainder of Digestive System	10	12	6	7	10	6	9	3	4	5	3	2	11	12	7	10
Female Organs	—	10	—	8	—	10	—	9	—	6	—	11	—	4	—	8
Others	17	8	12	3	6	7	15	3	9	4	6	6	9	2	7	6

CANCER DEATHS, 1968. SITE AND AGE DISTRIBUTION

SITE OF DISEASE	MALE						FEMALE						Total	
	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	Over 65	Total	0-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65		Over 65
Malignant Neoplasm of:														
Tongue	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stomach	—	—	—	—	—	4	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Large Intestine	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rectum	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liver	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pancreas	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Digestive Tract (Unsp.)	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Larynx	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchus and Lung	—	—	—	—	—	8	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Long Bones, Lower Limb	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ileum	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Breast	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ovary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Prostate	—	—	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bladder	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kidney	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Liver (Secondary)	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unspecified Site	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hodgkin's Disease	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Myelomatosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chr. Lymphatic Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Myeloid Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nasal Cavities	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	2	—	5	9	31	47	1	—	5	6	6	20	38

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES, 1968.

The Health Services and Public Health Act 1968.
(Notifiable Diseases and Food Poisoning)

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968

Under this Act and Regulations certain changes in notification procedure occurred.

- 1—The obligation to notify a case of infectious disease now rests solely with the medical practitioner.
- 2—Acute primary pneumonia, acute influenzal pneumonia, acute rheumatism and puerperal pyreia are no longer notifiable.
- 3—Infectious Hepatitis (June 1968), tetanus, yellow fever and leptospirosis are notifiable for the first time.
- 4—The medical officer of health of a district has powers to vaccinate contacts of any notifiable disease.

There were 97 notifications of infectious disease during 1968. Of these 69 were due to measles.

Measles:

There were 69 cases notified. This is not a great number in what should have been an epidemic year. It is hoped that the reduction was due to vaccination against the disease. During the last quarter of the year only one case was notified.

Dysentery:

There were 14 cases notified during the year. This disease is very infectious if strict hygienic precautions are not taken.

Infectious Hepatitis:

This disease – notifiable since June – produced 4 notifications. The incubation period is long and preventive measures are difficult because of this.

Tuberculosis:

There were 5 cases notified: three cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and two of non pulmonary tuberculosis. One of the latter was a re-notification.

The non pulmonary infections were located in the pelvis and kidney.

This is a record figure for tuberculosis and it makes excellent reading.

There were no cases of smallpox, diphtheria or food poisoning notified during the year.

TABLE SHOWING ANALYSIS OF NOTIFIED CASES OF
INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNDER AGE GROUPS - 1968

DISEASE	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years	6-10 years	11-15 years	16-25 years	26-35 years	36-45 years	46-55 years	56-65 years	Over 65 years	Not known	Total
Measles	9	12	8	8	11	15	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	69
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	3
Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Dysentery	—	—	—	1	1	1	6	1	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	14
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Infectious Hepatitis ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4
Meningitis	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals	10	12	8	9	13	17	11	4	5	4	—	—	—	3	1	97

MEASLES, WHOOPING COUGH AND SCARLET FEVER
NOTIFICATIONS
1959 - 1968

Year	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Measles... ..	470	4	711	18	623	94	406	161	314	69
Whooping Cough ...	10	5	8	2	5	3	—	2	—	2
Scarlet Fever ...	19	7	6	3	7	9	10	2	8	1

TUBERCULOSIS – 1968

Age Groups				New Cases				Deaths			
				Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0- 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1- 5 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6-15 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16-25 years	...	...	...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
26-35 years	...	...	...	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
36-45 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
46-55 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
56-65 years	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Over 65 years	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Totals	...	...	...	1	2	—	2	1	—	—	—
Grand Totals	...	...	...	3		2		1		—	

Notifications:

Year	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Pulmonary ...	10	14	13	13	14	8	9	8	7	3
Non-Pulmonary	2	—	5	2	2	—	1	—	—	2

Deaths:

Year	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Pulmonary ...	1	4	—	1	1	2	1	1	—	1
Non-Pulmonary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER ON 31st DECEMBER 1968

Year	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Pulmonary and Non-Pulmonary		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
1967	56	23	79	7	12	19	63	35	98
1968	52	13	65	6	11	17	58	24	82

DISINFESTATION

The following shows the separate properties treated for rat and mouse infestation in addition to the regular attention given to sewers and refuse tips.

Private Houses	...	...	...	...	143
Council Houses	...	...	...	...	135
Other Council Properties	...	...	...	...	10
Farms	...	...	...	...	18
Allotment Gardens	...	...	...	...	23
Business Premises	...	...	...	...	61
Open Land	...	...	...	...	11

Work for eradication of bed bugs was carried out at 2 Council houses and 3 Private houses and for cockroaches and other insects at 252 houses.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Main Drainage Scheme resewering the whole district is now in its latter stages. Ministry approval is awaited for the Central Valley section from Netherton to East Sleekburn and this will complete the overall pattern. Surface water systems are to be laid and extensions made to include industrial sites.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Two licences are in force authorising the keeping of pet shops, one at Front Street, Bedlington, the other at Clayton Street, Bedlington. The premises are visited regularly and no infringements have been found.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

Two boarding kennels, one at Bothalhaugh, Choppington, and the other at "Springdown," Sheepwash Bank, are licensed under this Act. Very high standards are maintained.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964.

One licence is in force for the riding school at "Springdown," Sheepwash Bank.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964.

Eighteen scrap metal dealers are at present registered with the local authority, ten of them having re-registered after three years. One has been removed during the year.

Eight dealers have scrap yards or stores within the district.

WATER SUPPLY

The County Borough of Tynemouth Water Undertaking continues to supply the whole district. The water has been adequate and of good quality. Seven homes do not have a water supply within the house.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in trying to maintain a good standard of water in the open-air swimming pool at Humford Mill, only 20 out of 47 samples taken showing nil coliform bacilli per 100 cc's. Attendance at the pool, 8,900, was the lowest recorded in post-war years due to very poor weather.

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN, 1968.

No. of Samples		Coliform Bacilli per 100 cc's						
2	Mains Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	nil
20	Humford Mill Swimming Pool	...	...	...	...	...	...	nil
8	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	180
2	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	160
1	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	90
4	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	50
2	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	35
1	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	25
1	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	18
1	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	8
1	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	5
1	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	4
2	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	3
3	"	"	"	"	...	...	...	1

NEW HOUSES COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR 1968

By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	—
By any other Housing Authority	...	...	...	...	—
By Private Persons	...	...	...	...	11

SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

A great deal has already been done to rid the district of the sub-standard houses one usually associates with mining areas and cleared sites at Choppington, West Sleekburn, Barrington and elsewhere now await modern redevelopment.

Less than 500 houses are left to be dealt with, most of them at Cambois and Netherton. Unfortunately, only 46 families were rehoused into Council houses during the year and a further 18 found their own accommodation to other mining areas or other colliery houses.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1968

Closing Orders made	...	...	...	...	14
Demolition Orders made	...	...	...	...	16
Previous Orders determined	...	...	...	...	2
Houses vacated	...	...	...	...	63
Families rehoused	...	...	...	...	64
Persons rehoused	...	...	...	...	208
Houses demolished	...	...	...	...	92

FAMILIES REHOUSED FROM SLUM CLEARANCE HOUSES

	To Council Houses	Finding own Accommodation
1956	100	4
1957	188	—
1958	271	3
1959	117	4
1960	84	3
1961	57	11
1962	57	4
1963	56	11
1964	101	16
1965	85	8
1966	51	8
1967	76	10
1968	46	18

HOUSES ON THE SLUM CLEARANCE PROGRAMME FROM WHICH FAMILIES HAVE BEEN REHOUSED (up to 31/12/68)

Bedlington

Hartford Bridge Cottage	...	...	...	1
Ewart Hill	...	...	...	1
Glebe Road	...	...	...	90
Deanery Street	...	...	...	2
Telephone Row	...	...	...	15
Cross Row	...	...	...	10
Catholic Row	...	...	...	18
Colville's Buildings	...	...	...	2
Dowson's Buildings	...	...	...	10
Hartford Road West	...	...	...	1
Old Hall	...	...	...	12
Sun Inn Yard	...	...	...	6
Vulcan Place	...	...	...	53
Bower's Buildings	...	...	...	6
Stoker's Buildings, Vulcan Place	...	...	...	7
Vicarage Terrace	...	...	...	3
Murray's Yard	...	...	...	7
Baptist Yard	...	...	...	14
Wilson's Yard	...	...	...	1
Quarry Houses	...	...	...	2
Laird's Cottage	...	...	...	1
Foggan's Yard, West End	...	...	...	5
Rosella Place	...	...	...	4
Joyce's Yard	...	...	...	2
Front Street West	...	...	...	8
Hirst Head Cottages	...	...	...	3
Hirst Terrace	...	...	...	4
Millbank Gardens	...	...	...	1
Old Colliery Row, East End	...	...	...	20
Bell's Place,	"	"	...	21
Hollymount Cott.	"	"	...	3
Hollymount Hall,	"	"	...	9
Chapel Row,	"	"	...	2
Bedlington Bank	"	"	...	3
Foggan's Yard,	"	"	...	2
Front Street,	"	"	...	8
The Quay,	"	"	...	4
Stoker's Buildings,	"	"	...	4
Smith's Buildings,	"	"	...	4
Marshalls Buildings	"	"	...	3
Woodbine Cott.,	"	"	...	1
School House,	"	"	...	1
Coach Road,	"	"	...	1

Bedlington Station

Ravensworth Street	...	...	...	...	2
Ravensworth Terrace	...	...	...	...	37
North Row	...	...	...	...	40
South Row, Nos. 47-84	...	...	...	...	36
Shop Row	...	...	...	...	29
Wilkinson's Buildings	...	...	...	...	6
Red Row	...	...	...	...	51
Taylor's Buildings, Red Row	...	...	...	...	20
Bridge House	...	...	...	...	2
Bridge End	...	...	...	...	11
Dene House	...	...	...	...	8
Moorland Cottages	...	...	...	...	10
Liddle's Yard	...	...	...	...	13
Dene View	...	...	...	...	2
River View	...	...	...	...	3
School House	...	...	...	...	1
Puddlers' Row	20
Craggs' Buildings	10
Staithes Quay	3
Ivy Cottage	1
Institute House	1
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Barrington

Chapel Cottages	2
Chapel Row	21
Stone Row	12
Garden House	2
Parson's Cottage	1
School House	...	...	...	...	2
Railway Row	...	...	...	...	18
Office Row	...	...	...	...	14
Middle Row	...	...	...	...	14
Routledge's Buildings	...	...	...	...	21
Freehold Row	24
Double Row	25
Stable Cottages	2
Victoria Row	20
Alexandra Row	21
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Netherton

Clifton Row	31
Yard Row	90
Howard Row	60
Village	4
North Farm Cottage	1
Farm Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	5
Moor Cottage, Hartford	...	...	...	...	...	1
Office Row	...	...	...	...	...	3
Red House Farm	1
Red House Farm Caravan	1
Blue House Caravan	1
Burnt House Farm Cottage	1
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Cambois

Caravan, Wansbeck Ferry	1
Railway Bungalows	4
New Row	10
Link End	4
Farm Cottages	2
Stable Cottages	1
Sinker's Row	21
Chapel Row	20
Store Row	22
Boca Chica	1
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Choppington

Storey's Buildings	6
Sunnyside	20
Grand View	6
Leaman's Buildings	4
Station Bank	...	...	...	...	...	2
Station House	...	...	...	...	...	1
Double Row, High Pit	...	...	...	...	...	10
Single Row, High Pit	...	...	...	...	...	13
Blackburn's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	11
Strong's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	24
First Row	...	...	...	...	...	24
Second Row	...	...	...	...	...	24
Third Row	...	...	...	...	...	22
Fourth Row	...	...	...	...	...	22

Fifth Row	...	...	...	...	...	18
Sixth Row	...	...	...	...	...	19
Seventh Row	...	...	...	...	...	14
Eighth Row	...	...	...	...	...	10
South Front Row	...	...	...	...	...	6
North Front Row	...	...	...	...	...	6
Foster's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	8
Front Street, Scotland Gate	...	...	...	...	...	21
Colliery Square	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chapel Row	...	...	...	...	...	20
Rose Cottage	...	...	...	...	...	1
School Row	...	...	...	...	...	20
School House	...	...	...	...	...	2
Richardson's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	6
Heslop's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	2
Rutter's Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	21
Peter Gill's Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	6
Whinney Hill Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	2
Whinney Hill Cottage Farm	1
Whinney Hill No. 7	1
Pace Bush	3
Pringle's Buildings	3

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Guide Post

Cruddas Terrace	6
Sheepwash Bank	16
Front Street	10
Anvil Cottages	2
Freehold Terrace	...	...	...	...	37
High Street	...	...	...	...	10
Ford Terrace, Nos. 12, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, 13	...	...	...	...	3
Tulip's Buildings	...	...	...	...	7
Byron Street	...	...	...	...	3
Rutherford Street	...	...	...	...	5
Gordon Street	...	...	...	...	1
Sawmill Cottages	...	...	...	...	2
Shaw's Buildings	...	...	...	...	7
Mowbray Terrace, Nos. 20, 20a, 21, 21a	4
Woodbine Cottages	1
Sheepwash Cottage	1

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Stakeford

Trojan Street	22
East View	11
Middle Row	14
North View	16
West View	13
Ivy Cottages	...	...	...	...	...	10
Moor Cottages	3
Farm Cottages, Bomarsund	4
Ord Terrace	2
Ellesmere Gardens	1
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West Sleekburn

Old School House	1
Liddle's Terrace	22
Marshe's Cottages	2
North Row	64
South Row	...	...	...	...	...	82
Institute Row	...	...	...	...	...	64
Store House	1
Walker's Terrace, East Sleekburn	6
Ternent's Cottages, East Sleekburn	1
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Total number of Private Houses demolished or closed	2000
Demolished Council Houses, Eastgreen	50
Army Huts, Wansbeck Place	29
Army Huts, Hartford Camp	357
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INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF HOUSES

In addition to the inspection of dwellings for slum clearance purposes 160 inspections were carried out on receipt of complaint of housing conditions. In only one case was it found necessary to resort to legal procedure by service of a Statutory Notice.

Works Effected:

Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	20
External Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	6
Fallspouts and Eavesgutters renewed	...	...	...	...	8
Chimney Stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Yard Surfaces re-laid	...	...	...	...	6
External staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	4
Inspection chamber metal covers renewed	...	...	...	...	2
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	6
Wallplaster repaired	...	...	...	...	7
Ceilings renewed	...	...	...	...	5
Ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Doors renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Floors renewed	...	...	...	...	5
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Ventilated Food cupboard provided	...	...	...	...	1
Fireplaces renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Back boilers renewed	...	...	...	...	1
Sink Waste pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Windows renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Windows repaired	...	...	...	...	6
Water closet basin renewed	...	...	...	...	1
Water closet seats renewed	...	...	...	...	3
Water closet cisterns renewed	...	...	...	...	2
Water closet cisterns repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Drains cleared	...	...	...	...	3
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	5
Accumulation of rubbish removed	...	...	...	...	1

RENT ACT, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	Nil
Undertakings carried out by the owner	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates of Disrepair cancelled by the Council	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates in force	...	...	...	...	Nil

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

A Discretionary Grants – Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958

Houses considered for grant during the year	...	...	...	33
Number approved	...	...	...	33
Total amounts of Grants approved	...	...	£10187	18 9
Average Grant approved per house	...	...	£308	14 6
Number of houses improved during the year	...	...	...	36

Works of Improvement

Internal W.C.s. provided	...	...	...	...	36
Bathrooms with new baths, washhand basins and new drains provided	...	...	...	...	35
Hot Water provided	...	...	...	...	32
Kitchenettes provided	...	...	...	...	31
Ventilated food stores provided	...	...	...	...	30
Wash up sinks provided	...	...	...	...	33
Electricity provided	...	...	...	...	28
New windows provided	...	...	...	...	4
New fireplaces provided	...	...	...	...	12
Bedrooms provided	...	...	...	...	2

B Standard Grants – House purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

Applications — Approved during the year	...	...	8
Brought forward	...	...	9
Grants — Paid during the year	...	...	9
Total amount paid	...	£335	1 3
Outstanding at end of year	8

Works of Improvement

Internal water closets provided	9
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**HOUSES IN WHICH IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SCHEME**

					<u>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS PAID</u>	<u>STANDARD GRANTS PAID.</u>
1951	...	...	...	...	2	—
1952	...	...	...	...	—	—
1953	...	...	...	...	12	—
1954	...	...	...	...	17	—
1955	...	...	...	...	12	—
1956	...	...	...	...	24	—
1957	...	...	...	...	33	—
1958	...	...	...	...	127	—
1959	...	...	...	...	85	—
1960	...	...	...	...	130	1
1961	118	6
1962	127	1
1963	91	11
1964	36	26
1965	73	10
1966	23	13
1967	36	14
1968	36	9
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					TOTAL 982	92
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FACTORIES ACTS, 1961

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health:

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	8	93	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	104	73	3	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	112	166	3	—

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred		Cases in which prosecutions were instituted
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage to floors...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	—	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	2	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
Total	3	2	—	3	—

Outworkers:

Nature of Work	Out-workers	Cases of default in sending lists to the Council	Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	Instances of work in un-wholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel	4	—	—	—	—	—
Other Outworkers	3	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7	—	—	—	—	—

SHOPS ACT, 1950

The following are the various kinds of shops within the district for the purposes of the Act.

Grocers and General Dealers	...	...	86
Greengrocers	...	...	4
Butchers	...	...	15
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	11
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	2
Baker's Shops	...	...	6
Public Houses and Clubs	...	...	45
Off Licence Premises	...	...	2
Chemists	...	...	6
Confectioners	...	...	9
Newsagents and Stationers	...	...	15
Drapers	...	...	15
Wool Shops	...	...	4
Boot and Shoe Retailers	...	...	3
Boot and Shoe Repairers	...	...	5
Hardware	...	...	5
House Furnishing	...	...	1
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	...	...	1
Optician	...	...	1
Ladies' Hairdressers	...	...	17
Gent's Hairdressers	...	...	10
Motor Cars and Accessories	...	...	12
Electrical Appliances	...	...	5
Handicraft Stores	...	...	1
Paints and Wallpaper	...	...	2
Departmental Store	...	...	1
Dry Cleaners	...	...	5
Betting Shops	...	...	15
Pet Shops	...	...	2
Post Offices	...	...	7
Florists	...	...	1
Laundramas	...	...	3

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

At the end of the year a total of 224 premises were on the register, 10 having been removed and 8 added during the twelve months.

All premises registered under this Act have now received a general inspection, 10 during the past year.

As shown in the following tables notices were served in all cases where contraventions were found.

Contraventions found:

Heating	...	...	...	...	...	2
Thermometers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	1
Washing facilities	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drinking water	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staircases	...	...	...	...	...	3
First Aid Boxes	...	...	...	...	...	4
Structural	...	...	...	...	...	1
Abstracts	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water Closets — Apparatus	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lighting	...	...	...	...	...	4

Contraventions remedied:

Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	5
Heating improved	...	...	...	...	3
Thermometers provided	...	...	...	...	10
Toilets repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Toilets lighted	...	...	...	...	3
Toilets provided	...	...	...	...	4
Handwashing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	12
Supply of drinking water provided	...	...	...	...	2
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	3
Outdoor clothing accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	2
Staircases made safe	...	...	...	...	24
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	8
Premises repaired (structural)	...	...	...	...	3
First Aid boxes provided	...	...	...	...	15
Abstracts of the Act provided	...	...	...	...	14

Three accidents were reported in accordance with Section 48 and all fully investigated. No further action was necessary.

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	Persons Employed
Offices	101
Retail Shops	502
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	11
Catering Establishments open to the Public	97
Canteens	—
Fuel Storage Depots	—
TOTAL	711
Males and Females	233 Males 478 Females

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Premises registered during the year	Registered premises at end of year	Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	2	33	1
Retail Shops	4	162	7
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	2	—
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	2	27	2
Fuel storage depots ...	—	—	—
TOTALS	8	224	10

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food Preparation Premises and Food Shops:

Grocers and General Dealers	...	...	86
Greengrocers	...	...	4
Butchers	...	...	15
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	11
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	2
Baker's Shops	...	...	6
Bakeries (including pie makers)	...	...	7
Ice Cream Manufacturers	...	...	3
Public Houses and Clubs	...	...	45
Mineral Water Factories	...	...	2
Confectioners	...	...	9
Canteen Kitchens	...	...	16
Catering Depot	...	...	1

Regular inspections of these premises have been made during the year. Four have been fitted with additional hand washing facilities and three with wash-up sinks.

Seven cases of foreign materials in food were all dealt with satisfactorily without resorting to legal action.

Samples of mussels were collected from the River Blyth for toxin examination by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food following an outbreak of food poisoning attributed to the consumption of mussels harvested from the Northumbrian Coast.

Food examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:

Fruit	...	...	140 tins	Meats	...	...	104 tins
Tomatoes	...	...	158 "	Corned Beef	...	...	38lbs
Fish	...	...	7 "	Cooked Ham	...	...	241 "
Peas and Beans	...	...	130 "	Cooked Pork	...	...	100 "
Vegetables	...	...	10 "	Chopped Pork	...	...	24 "
Milk	...	...	57 "	Pork Luncheon Meat	...	...	48 "
Soups	...	...	11 "	Jellied Veal	...	...	24 "
Puddings	...	...	23 "	Cheese	...	...	35 "
Preserves	...	...	2 "	Frozen Foods	...	...	526 packs
Sauces	...	...	5 bottles				

Milk Supply:

The licensing of retailers of Pasteurised, Sterilised and Untreated milks and the taking of samples of milk is carried out by the County Health Department. Within the district 5 dealers are retailing Untreated Milk, 16 retailing Pasteurised Milk and 40 retailing Sterilised Milk.

24 Samples of Pasteurised Milk and 1 sample of Untreated Milk were taken for Bacteriological examination. All passed the phosphatase test and one failed the Methylen Blue test.

Ice Cream:

Three premises are registered under the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, for the manufacture of ice cream, two by the heat treatment method and one by the cold mix process.

75 premises are registered for the sale of ice cream and all conform to the standards required by the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations with hand-washing facilities, etc.

96 Samples of ice cream were taken during the year from premises and mobile shops for bacteriological examination by the Public Health Laboratory with the following satisfactory results:

Grade 1	...	...	...	...	91 samples
Grade 2	...	...	...	...	3 „
Grade 3	...	...	...	...	2 „
Grade 4	...	...	...	...	— „

Meat Inspection :

Only two private slaughterhouses operate within the district. Both are fully equipped and maintained in accordance with the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Regular inspections are made by Veterinary Officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

A 100% inspection of all carcasses and offal has again been maintained throughout the year, and all carcasses stamped in accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. No charge is made for meat inspection, all meat being for consumption within the district.

Again, no whole carcasses were condemned and no tuberculosis found in bovine animals. One carcase of beef was treated by refrigeration for Cysticercosis.

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MEAT AND ORGANS CONDEMNED AS BEING UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

Bovine Animals :

Lungs	...	...	...	...	Abscesses. 1, Flukes 30, Pleurisy 28 Stomach Contents 73.
Livers	...	...	...	...	Abscesses 15 whole and 9 part. Cirrhosis 26 whole and 51 part. Inflammation 1.
Hearts	...	...	...	...	Cysticercus bovis 3.
Kidneys		...	...	...	Nephritis 3.
Skirts	...	...	...	...	Abscesses 4, Inflammation 1.
Spleens		...	...	...	Inflammation 5.

Sheep :

Lungs	...	...	...	...	Pleurisy and Pneumonia 30.
Livers	...	...	...	...	Abscesses 5, Cirrhosis 2, Flukes 16 whole and 3 part, Contamination 7 part, Degenerated Cysts 28.
Hearts	...	...	...	...	Pericarditis 1.
Kidneys		...	...	...	Hydronephrosis 1.

Pigs :

Heads	...	...	...	...	Tuberculosis 7.
Lungs	...	...	...	...	Pleurisy and Pneumonia 79.
Plucks	...	...	...	...	Inflammation 3.
Livers	...	...	...	...	Milk Spots 12, Fatty Infiltration 1.
Hearts	...	...	...	...	Abscesses 1, Pericarditis 7.
Kidneys		...	...	...	Necrosis 2, Nephritis 2, Retention Cysts 1.

